AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), and Sand Valley Farms, Inc., with reference to the following facts:

1. At all times mentioned herein, Sand Valley Farms, Inc. operated as a Dealer under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (the "AWA") at the facility located at 83 Mouse Track Lane, Richfield, PA 17086.

2. APHIS has documented evidence of Sand Valley Farms, Inc.'s non-compliance with the AWA and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), and specifically, has documented evidence of Sand Valley Farms, Inc.'s failure to provide adequate veterinary care and husbandry to its animals, as required by the AWA regulations and AWA standards for the humane handling and treatment of animals (9 C.F.R. §§ 2.40, 3.25-3.131).

3. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph 2.

4. APHIS and Sand Valley Farms, Inc. have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

5. Sand Valley Farms, Inc. admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and waives oral hearing and further procedure.

6. Sand Valley Farms, Inc. consents and agrees to the following:

a. As of the date Sand Valley Farms, Inc. signs this agreement, AWA license 23-B-0168 is hereby revoked.

b. Sand Valley Farms, Inc. and any partnerships, firms, corporations or other legal entities that it controls or in which it has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are permanently disqualified from (a) obtaining an Animal Welfare Act

license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), either directly or indirectly, on or off 83 Mouse Track Lane, Richfield, PA 17086.

7. Sand Valley Farms, Inc. consents and agrees that its failure to comply with the terms of this agreement shall automatically void paragraph 8 below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against Sand Valley Farms, Inc. based upon the non-compliant items documented at 83 Mouse Track Lane, Richfield, PA 17086, in connection with animal welfare investigations PA10021-AC and PA130040-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.

8. For and in consideration of Sand Valley Farms, Inc.'s agreements and actions described in paragraph 6 above, and the promises and admissions of Sand Valley Farms, Inc. set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against Sand Valley Farms, Inc. in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigations PA10021-AC and PA130040-AC.

APHIS and Sand Valley Farms, Inc. warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this agreement.

Sand Valley Farms, Inc.

Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/9/13

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/23/2013
~~Robert J. Huttenlocker~~ Bernadette Juarez
Director
Investigative and Enforcement Services
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
United States Department of Agriculture